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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JOINT SPC/AHG MEETING-OCTOBER 9

VIENNA FOR US MBFR DELEGATION

1. SUMMARY: SPC CHAIRMAN(KASTL) WELCOMED AD HOC GROUP (AHG) DELEGATES AND HOPED THAT AN AGREED ALLIED POSITION COULD BE GIVEN THEM BY THURSDAY AT THE LATEST. SPC/AHG REPS THEN HEARD REPORT BY WILLOT ON HIS OCTOBER 8 MEETING WITH POLES AND AUSTRIANS, FOLLOWED BY STATUS REPORT FROM SEKERIS ON RENNWEG BUILDING. MEETING THEN TURNED OVER TO FIRST AHG CHAIRMAN (WILLOT, BELGIUM) DURING WHICH PROCUEURES TO BE USED BY AHG MEMBERS WITH AUSTRIANS WERE DISCUSSED. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR CIRCULATION OF US DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT. END SUMMARY

2. SPC CHAIRMAN OPENED MEETING WITH WARM WELCOME TO AHG DELEGATION MEMBERS. CITING POLITICAL RESOLVE
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WHICH CAPITALS HAD BROUGHT TO BEAR IN REACHING DIFFICULT POLITICAL COMPROMISES, HE EXPRESSED HOPE(WITH LONG LOOK AT U.S..) THAT A FULLY AGREED ALLIED POSITION ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AHG

ON WEDNESDAY OR LATEST ON THURSDAY. HE PRAISED SECTION V OF ALLIED PAPER AS PROVIDING A SOUND BASIS FOR THE FUTURE AHG/NAC RELATIONSHIP, AND REPORTED THAT EVERY THIRD FRIDAY IN THE MONTH WOULD NOW BE FIXED TIME FOR AHG REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH COUNCIL.

3. TURNING TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED QUESTIONS, CHAIRMAN ASKED BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) TO REPORT ON HIS MONDAY MEETING WITH POLISH AND AUSTRAIN COUNTERPARTS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY REPORT FROM NATO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEKERIS ON STATUS OF RENNWEG BUILDING.

4. WILLOT EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD HAD MORNING MEETING WITH POLISH REP STRULAK AND AFTERNOON MEETING WITH BOTH STRULAK AND AUSTRAIN MFA REP ZENETTI. DURING MORNING MEETING STRULAK STATED THAT HE HAD MADE TOUR OF WARSAW PACT (WP) CAPITALS, AND THAT EASTERN VIEWS WERE STILL HIGHLY UNCOORDINATED, WITH ROMANIANS REFUSING TO BE REPRESENTED BY POLES AS SINGLE PACT REPRESENTATIVE. ROMANIANS CONTINUE TO INSIST ON OPEN PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUPS WHEREAS SOVIETS DESIRE ONLY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS (USNATO 4752). THEY ALSO FEEL THEY SHOULD PAY LOWER PERCENTAGE OF COSTS IF THEY ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A DIRECT PARTICIPANT. SPEAKING FOR POLES, HOWEVER, STRULAK SAID HE COULD AGREE THAT AUSTRAINS WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE MBFR CONFERENCE; THAT THEY SHOULD PAY COSTS FOR BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH OPERATING COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED ACCORDING TO AN ADAPTATION OF HELSINKI COST-SHARING FORMULA, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT IT WOULD ONLY COVER 75 PERCENT OF TOTAL COST. POLES WERE RECEPTIVE TO WILLOT'S SUGGESTION TO APPORTION REMAINDER BY ADDING ONE-THIRD TO EACH NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION, BUT FORESAW POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY GIVEN ROMANIAN ATTITUDES. IN AFTERNOON TRILATERAL, WILLOT REPORTED THAT ZENETTI HAD STATED THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD PROBABLY ASSUME COSTS OF BUILDING, SECRETARIAT AND
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CONFERENCE INFRASTRUCTURE WITH OPERATING COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED. AUSTRIA'S OFFER WOULD BE CONTAINED IN A PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPANTS WHICH WAS CURRENTLY HELD UP PENDING REQUIRED CABINET REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AUSTRIANS WOULD PROPOSE KONGRESSHAUS FOR NOVEMBER WITH MOVE TO HOFBURG SOMETIME IN DECEMBER OF EARLY JANUARY. WILLOT SAID HE HAD STRESSED THAT CONFERENCE ROOMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 19 PARTICIPANTS BUT THAT STRULAK HAD NOT REACTED TO POINT. ZENETTI ALSO ADDED THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD FURNISH INTERPRETERS BUT THAT THEY HAD PROBLEMS WITH RUSSIAN/ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN/FRENCH CAPABILITY AND PROPOSED TO ASK SOVIETS FOR ASSISTANCE. WILLOT NOTED THAT ALLIES WOULD PREFER AUSTRIAN

INTERPRETERS BUT THAT IF NATIONALS WERE SECONDED BY ANY PARTICIPANTS, THEY SHOULD BE PAID BY AUSTRIANS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE SEEN AS REPRESENTING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. AUSTRIANS SHOULD IN ANY CASE PROVIDE ALL PARTICIPANTS WITH LIST OF INTERPRETERS. ZENETTI ASKED WHETHER AUSTRIANS WOULD HAVE ROLE IN PRESS RELATIONS, PROMPTING STRONG NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM BOTH WILLOT AND STRULAK. WILLOT CONCLUDED REPORT BY NOTING THAT HE AND STRULAK HAD AGREED TO STUDY COST-SHARING PROBLEM FURTHER.

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5. NATO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEKERIS THEN REPORTED ON STATUS OF RENNWEG BUILDING AND NOTED THAT CONFERENCE AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL SPACES WOULD BE READY (BUT NOT SECURE) BY OCTOBER 15, WITH ENTIRE BUILDING BEING READY AND SECURE BY JANUARY 1.

6. FOLLOWING REPORT BY SEKERIS, CHAIRMAN TERMINATED SPC PORTION OF MEETING.

7. AT SUGGESTION OF CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) TO USE ALPHABETICAL ORDER, BELGIAN DEP REP (WILLOT) CHAIRED AD HOC GROUP MEETING WHICH FOLLOWED ADJOURNMENT OF SPC SESSION. BELGIAN REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR AD HOC GROUP SESSIONS: (1) ORGANIZATION AND FACILITIES; (2) REVIEW OF OPENING STATEMENTS AND (3) PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY.

8. AT CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION, GROUP AGREED TO MEET IN

VIENNA ON OCTOBER 16 AT US DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS.
GROUP LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY OF MEETING AT FRG EMBASSY
WHERE NEW CONFERENCE ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER
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NOVEMBER 1. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT NOT ALL DELEGATION
HEADS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND OCTOBER 16 SESSION: NETHER-
LANDS AND GREEK REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE ABSENT.

9. BELGIAN DEP REP OUTLINED PROCEDURES TO BE USED
WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES. EMBASSIES WILL SUBMIT TWO
LISTS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. FIRST LISTS TO BE SENT TO
PROTOCOL OFFICE WILL BE FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING
DELEGATION MEMBERS AS MEMBERS OF EMBASSIES IN ORDER
TO SECURE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. SECOND LIST
WOULD GO TO CONFERENCE OFFICER (ZENETTI) IN ORDER TO
GET CONFERENCE PASSES. BELGIAN DEP REP POINTED OUT
THAT TWO LISTS MIGHT NOT BE AL, E.G., SOMEONE
ALREADY MEMBER OF AN EMBASSY MIGHT APPEAR IN SECOND
LIST BUT NOT IN FIRST. UK REP (ROSE) SAID HIS EMBASSY
HAD ALREADY JUMPED THE GUN AND SENT A DELEGATION LIST
TO AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES. UK EMBASSY HAD ALSO SENT
CIRCULAR NOTE TO OTHER VIENNA EMBASSIES CONTAINING
DELEGATION LIST. US DEP REP POINTED OUT THAT PROACTIVE
OF SENDING SUCH CIRCULARS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS OF IS
AND IMS TO ALL EMBASSIES IN VIENNA MIGHT RAISE QUES-
TIONS AS TO STATUS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND THUS
CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR AUSTRIANS. GROUP AGREED IN
FUTURE TO REFRAIN FROM SENDING SUCH CIRCULAR NOTES.
GROUP AGREED THAT MILITARY TITLES OF MEMBERS OF
DELEGATIONS WOULD BE USED IN LISTS AND THAT MILITARY
MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT WEAR UNIFORMS
WHILE IN AUSTRIA (ONLY POSSIBLE EXCEPTION FORESEEN
BY FRG REP WOULD BE WEARING OF UNIFORM AT NATIONAL
DAY FESTIVITY WITHIN EMBASSY).

10. GROUP AGREED TO BEGIN REVIEW OF OPENING STATEMENTS
IN AFTERNOON SESSION. WE URGENTLY NEED APPROVAL TO
DISTRIBUTE US TEXT, IF NECESSARY WITH STATEMENT THAT
TOP LEVEL APPROVAL STILL PENDING.
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